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SUBJECT: TEXT OF TRINIDAD-PUERTO RICAN JOINT PRESS RELEASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON MARCH 11, FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS (SEPTTEL):

2. QUOTE ON THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, DR. THE HONORABLE ERIC WILLIAMS, A PUERTO RICAN MISSION VISITED PORT OF SPAIN FROM 10TH TO 11TH MARCH FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

2. QUOTE THE PUERTO RICAN SIX-MAN MISSION WAS HEADED BY THE HONORABLE JUAN ALBORS, SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, AND THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TEAM WAS LED BY THE HONORABLE E. MAHABIR, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINES.

4. QUOTE THE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND  
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TOBAGO IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT

VISIT PRIORITY WAS ACCORDED TO ECONOMIC MATTERS. IN PARTICULAR THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILATERAL TRADE, AND COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLEMENTATION WERE EXAMINED. THE ROLE OF TRANSPORT, BOTH SEA AND AIR, AS A MEDIUM FOR DEVELOPING CLOSER LINKS BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WAS ALSO EXAMINED. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR COLLABORATION IN THESE SECTORS'

5. QUOTE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO HELD ON THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM AS WELL AS SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE TEAMS ALSO AGREED THAT SOME ATTENTION COULD BE GIVEN TO MORE INTENSIVE USE OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

6. QUOTE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION FOR THE CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT THAT HAD PREVAILED. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO DEVELOP AND EXCHANGE DETAILED MEANS TO CARRY ON THOSE LINES OF ECONOMIC/SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING, AND TO RECONVENE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END QUOTE.  
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